

**Resolution authorizing the settlement of a claim for damage to a 2010 Ford Fusions (Fleet Management) (\$8,680.00)**

**WHEREAS**, on May 5, 2015, Franklin County Sheriff's Office Detective Division, vehicle #233, driven by Detective Donald Murray, was involved in an auto accident; and

**WHEREAS**, the operator of vehicle #233 was stopped in traffic on northbound North Hamilton Road; and

**WHEREAS** Candice Hill was traveling northbound on North Hamilton Rd and failed to maintain an assured clear distance, a violation of State of Ohio Code Sec. 4511.21(A), assured clear distance, and collided with vehicle #233 resulting in total damage to vehicle #233; and

**WHEREAS** the force of the impact pushed our vehicle #233 into another vehicle, operated by Elizabeth Steckel; and

**WHEREAS** Farmers Insurance Company, the automobile insurance carrier for Candice Hill, has accepted responsibility for the damages, and offered to pay eight thousand, six hundred eighty and 00/100 dollars (\$8,680.00) to the Franklin County Commissioners, for the property damage to vehicle #233 and in settlement of the property damage portion of this claim with the Franklin County Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS**, there may be bodily injury claims arising out of this incident; however, this resolution only authorizes settlement of the property damage to the vehicle and not any potential bodily injury claims; and

**WHEREAS**, the above described settlement was recommended by Fleet Management, and approved by the Prosecuting Attorney's office, and fairly compensates for the property damage to vehicle #233; and

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners deems it to be in the best interest to accept the same in full settlement of the property damage claim; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO;

1. That the above-referenced settlement for the property damage to the vehicle in the amount eight thousand, six hundred eighty and 00/100 dollars (\$8,680.00) is in the best interests of the Franklin County Commissioners and Franklin County Sheriff's Office and the same is hereby approved.
2. That upon receipt of eight thousand, six hundred eighty and 00/100 dollars (\$8,680.00) from Farmers Insurance Company, the above-referenced property damage claim shall be settled between Candice Hill, her successors and assigns, and/or her heirs, executors and administrators, and also any and all other persons, associations, and corporations who may be jointly and severally liable to the Franklin County Commissioners, and the Franklin County Commissioners. This settlement and release do not in any way affect any possible bodily injury claims that may be asserted.
3. The Franklin County Commissioners authorize the Director of Fleet Management to process the title of vehicle #233, for salvage.

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Office of Management and Budget